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Filing	Date: December 1, 2000			
For:	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY-ENTERED, ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS			
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l belie	ve I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only	one name is listed below) or an		
origina	al, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed	d below) of the subject matter which is		
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	by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right patent.	to claim in the
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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

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I am authorized to act on behalf of the following assignee: <u>Microsoft Corporation</u> and the title of my position with said assignee is: <u>Assistant Secretary</u>.

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Name of Patentee(s):		
ROSS WARD COMER, ADAM BRETT STEIN and DAVID RUSSELL WILLIAMS, JR.		
Patent Number:	Date Patent Issued	
5,845,300	December 1, 1998	
Title of Invention:		
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A		
PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY-ENTERED,		
ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS		

I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SUGGESTING COMPLETIONS FOR A PARTIALLY ENTERED DATA ITEM BASED ON PREVIOUSLY - ENTERED, ASSOCIATED DATA ITEMS" in the specification of which

	is attached hereto.
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	reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the , as amended by any amendment referred to above.
l ackno	owledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 .56.
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At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

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Originally filed claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 5,845,300 was rejected by prior art teaching a search region defined by an entire database. The prosecuting attorney, in amending claim 1, restricted the search region to "a table of contiguous data-containing cells encompassing said active cell and bordered by empty cells." This limitation is overly narrow and should be broadened to less restrictive search regions disclosed in the patent specification.

All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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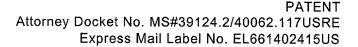
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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.

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Title of Invention

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Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

The written consent of all assignees and inventors owning an undivided interest in the original patent is included in this application for reissue.

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